

## **GRADUATION FUNCTIONS – SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

### **Background**

The District recognizes the significance and importance of the official graduation ceremonies in which the students, parents, teachers and the community participate with great pride.

The District encourages and supports the planning by students, staff and school administration of the annual official graduation ceremonies.

### **Procedures**

1. The Principal is authorized to organize and present the graduation ceremonies on the following basis:
  - 1.1. That the graduation may contain up to the current three graduation events which are comprised of the ceremonies, banquet, and prom;
  - 1.2. That the dress for the graduation ceremony will be caps and gowns;
  - 1.3. That a student vote about other graduation issues be held;
  - 1.4. That the graduation events may be held on a weekend prior to the examination schedule, or after all final exams are complete;
  - 1.5. The graduation activities shall recognize all bona fide Grade 12 students.
2. Unofficial activities are not sanctioned under this Administrative Procedure. With the exception of Dry After-Grad, the organization of such activities in school time or on school premises is prohibited.
3. The District supports the concept of “dry-grad” being organized as a community event, following the prom or graduation ceremony.
4. The District supports the use of community facilities for graduation events.

Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act  
School Regulation 265/89  
Education program Guide Order M333/99  
Graduation Program Order M302/04  
Required Areas of Study in an Education Program Order M295/95

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